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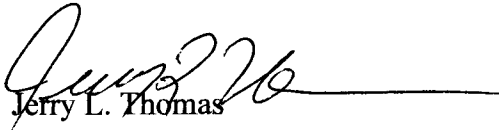
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
ATT: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211
RE: Docket # 209-489-E

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of protest to ask the Public Service Commission to stop the pending increase in rates that SCE&G has been approved for. The rates were increased 4.4% in 2008 & now SCE&G has been approved for a 2.5% rate increase annually for the 10 years. This is so unfair & will hurt many families, including mine, who are already suffering with the economic situation. Why does SCE&G raise their rates so high, while other investor – owned utilities, as well as publically owned Santee Cooper can charge much lower rates?

Please help SCE&G customers who are opposed to this rate hike by disallowing the increased rates.

Sincerely,


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